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Springs community garden to be expanded



From left, Dave Johnson and Howard Ehrlich, both of Coral Springs, talk about expanding the Rotary Club Community Garden of Coral Springs. staff photo/eric bojanowski (Eric Bojanowski, FPG / April 17, 2010)

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The Rotary Community Garden of Coral Springs is to be expanded next year; the decision comes in the wake of the enthusiastic response from residents to the project.

"We plan to double the size of the garden," said Howard Ehrlich, Coral Springs Rolary Club member and a key member of the garden committee. "We are also thinking about building a fruit orchard [since] practically every fruit grows in Florida."

"There is plenty of interest in gardening these days," Ehrlich said.
"People are looking to eat what they grow; self-sustainability and
going green have become important to people. The garden is a
perfect fit for a community like Coral Springs."

The original idea was to have 20, 8-feet by 4-feet garden plots, with individuals or organizations paying \$32 per year for a plot. "We now have 21 plots [and] people are growing everything from peas, tomatoes, herbs, carrots and radishes," Ehrlich said. "We have men, women and children involved. I'm sure people will love our decision to have a fruit orchard."

There is currently a waiting list of 12 for plots, Coral Springs Parks and Recreation Director Rick Engle said. "The original plots sold out real quick; there are some groups, but it is





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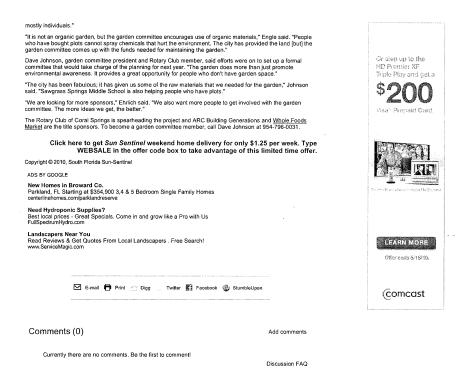


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